

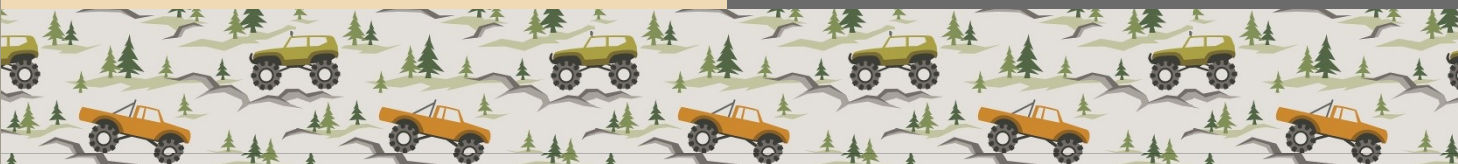
Kootenai Communicator

The monthly newsletter of Kootenai Community Church, Kootenai, Idaho

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*Expounding the Scriptures,
Equipping the Saints,
Exalting the Savior*



Resurrection Sunday

By Jim Osman, pastor/teacher

Generally speaking, Christians have an underdeveloped theology of bodily resurrection. That may not be true of most who attend Kootenai Church. If you have listened to my preaching for any length of time, you know the doctrine of bodily resurrection is near and dear to my heart. That theme pops up in my preaching more than just once a year on Resurrection Sunday.

Though Christians would affirm that God raised Christ from the dead—you can't be saved if you deny that—most haven't thought through the implications of that belief. They fail to see how that fact that is central to the Christian faith connects to their own hope and eventual eternal home.

Most Christians don't know what to expect in the life to come. They imagine a kind of "heavenly afterlife" consisting of phantoms, clouds, disembodied spirits, and organ music.

Take a moment to evaluate your own thinking on this. How would you answer these three "True or False" questions? These aren't trick questions.

True or False

1. The Lord Jesus Christ is in Heaven right now with a real physical body. By this I mean a physical body that can interact with this realm. A body that can grab objects, eat food, and move items—a real physical body.

2. You will spend eternity in a real physical body in Heaven, which will be a physical place filled with physical, material things and saints in physical, material bodies. By this I mean the kind of physical bodies that can grab objects, eat food, and move items.

3. All men and women who have ever lived will spend eternity in either Heaven or Hell in real, material, physical bodies. By this I mean that those in Heaven will enjoy the delights, pleasures, and blessings of every good thing. Their physical bodies will never die, deteriorate, or be destroyed. Every desire will be satisfied. Every longing fulfilled. And by this I mean that those in Hell will suffer the wrath of God poured out for eternity upon real physical bodies that will never die, deteriorate, or be destroyed. They will have desires and longings as well, but none will ever be satisfied. Those unfulfilled longings and unsatiated desires will be part of their very real eternal judgment.

The answer for all three statements is "True." If you got those right, if you aren't uncomfortable affirming them, and if you are looking forward to that reality with eager anticipation, then congratulations, you have a biblical theology of bodily resurrection.

The Resurrection of Christ

As predicted in the Old Testament and promised by Christ Himself, He rose bodily, physically from the dead on the third day after His crucifixion, victorious over sin and death. He appeared to many witnesses who watched Him die and saw Him alive again.

We believe that God raised Him never to die again. Death no longer has dominion over Him. He is declared to be the Son of God with power by resurrection from the dead (Rom. 1:4). **This is not a doctrine or belief that is optional to Christianity. It is the truth without which there is no Christianity.**

The doctrine of resurrection, the resurrection of Christ, and your future bodily resurrec-

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tion are tied together. You cannot deny future bodily resurrection without denying the necessity of Christ's resurrection. You can't deny the dead are raised without denying that Christ was raised. You can't deny His resurrection without denying your future victory over death.

This is the argument that Paul makes in 1 Corinthians 15:15–19: “Moreover we are even found to be false witnesses of God, because we testified against God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise, if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins. *Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied.*”

How can we enjoy immortality if He isn't victorious? How can God grant us victory over the grave if He didn't grant it to His Son? If we aren't raised in these bodies to eternal life, then death won't be conquered. Rather, death has conquered us. Death has the final say.

If there is no bodily resurrection for the believer, then the sting of death remains. It is permanent. It robs us. Death takes without remedy. It is still our ultimate loss. It is still the unconquered enemy.

In this article, I want us to look at one implication of Christ's resurrection—the bodily resurrection of believers. We will consider Philippians 3:20–21: “For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.”

The Context

In this third chapter of Philippians, Paul contrasts false teachers and their false hope with true faith in Christ and the righteousness it provides (Phil. 3:2–9). Those who are in Christ and trust in Him rather than their own righteousness “may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; in order that [they] may attain to the resurrection from the dead” (Phil. 3:10–11). Trusting in Christ and His righteousness fixes the believer's mind and affections upon “the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 3:14).

The believer looks Heavenward. Our hope is not here. Our righteousness is not resting upon earthly and fleshly accomplishments but upon the work of the Savior. Therefore, we do not walk after the flesh and set our minds on earthly things (Phil. 3:17–19).

In contrast to the unbelieving worldling, whose mind and heart is set on earthly things and glories in this world's achievements, the believer's mind and affections are set on heavenly things, for that is where our citizenship is. The single truth that will most effectively fix our hearts upon Heaven, our eternal home and reward, is the truth of our future bodily resurrection. That is what is being described in verse 21: “Who will transform the body of our

humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.”

In this passage, we can see three important truths about our future bodily resurrection: the Person by Whom we will be raised (v. 20), the pattern after which we will be raised (v. 21), and the power by which we will be raised (v. 21).

The Person Who Will Raise Us

Philippians 3:20: “For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.”

This is a precious reminder that our true identity is not found in this world. It is found in another place. We are citizens of another land. Our names are enrolled in Heaven in the book of life (Phil. 4:3). Other blood-redeemed sinners are there. The friends who have passed on before, Old Testament saints, New Testament saints, our inheritance, our reward, and our eternal dwelling are all waiting for us. Most importantly, our Savior is in Heaven. He is coming from Heaven for His own.

The Word translated “eagerly waiting” is a strong word that describes a “definite expectation.” We are eagerly waiting “for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus” (Titus 2:13). Like Paul, we love His appearing, knowing that “in the future there is laid up for [us] the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to [us] on that day; and not only to [us], but also to all who have loved His appearing” (2 Tim. 4:8). We long for the glorious appearing of the Lord Jesus Christ, confident that “when Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory” (Col. 3:4).

Jesus is the One who will raise all men, some to eternal life and some to eternal damnation (John 5:25–29). Jesus is the One Who has given us eternal life, forgiven our sin, and made us accepted by the Father. He bore our wrath, paid our price, suffered in our place, and intercedes for us even now. *He is coming again for us.* Everything He *did* was for the redemption of His own. He lived a perfect life and suffered a voluntary death. All that He *does* even now is for the redemption of His own as He intercedes for us continually. Everything that He *will do* is for the glory and redemption of His own when He returns to raise us in glorious form.

The Pattern of Our Resurrection

Philippians 3:21: “Who will transform the *body of our humble state* into conformity with the *body of His glory*, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.”

Noticed the contrast between “humble state” and “body of glory.” Paul uses different language in 1 Corinthians 15 and describes our present state as “perishable” and our eternal state as “imperishable.” That is the difference between “mortality” and “immortality.”

The body in which your immaterial self now resides is not a glorious body. It is a body derived from dust at creation. It is feeble, frail, and rotting. It is de-

7th & 8th Grade: Taryn Adams and Jennifer Barba

We are in the homestretch of 1 Corinthians, as we are now well into chapter 15—the infamous resurrection chapter. We have studied evidences for the resurrection of Christ and the consequences if there were no resurrection (we would not be raised, our faith would be worthless, we would still be in our sins) as well as the details we are given about how the resurrection of God’s people will take place. What a blessing to be given such details so that we can “comfort one another with these words” (1 Thess. 4:18)! Most recently, we have been considering how the resurrection of Christ and the hope of our own future resurrection affects *everything* we think, say, and do as believers. After fifty-seven verses of doctrine, Paul’s conclusion is this: “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord” (1 Cor. 15:58). Jennifer continues to teach about once a month and is taking the students through a survey of the New Testament, overviewing each book and pointing out key verses.



**Sunday
school
begins at
9:30 a.m.**

>>> Special Report: KCC Elder Ministry

Who are the elders at KCC?

Jim Osman was born in May of 1972 and has lived in Sandpoint since he was three years old. He achieved his life’s ambition by graduating from Sandpoint High School in 1990. Jim came to know Christ through the ministry of Cocolalla Lake Bible Camp. Kootenai Community Church has always been his home church, and he attended Sunday school, Vacation Bible School, and youth group.

After graduating from high school, he attended Millar College of the Bible in Pambrun, Saskatchewan. It was at Bible college that Jim met his wife-to-be, Diedre, who was also enrolled as a student. Jim graduated with a three-year diploma in April of 1993 and married Diedre in August of that same year. He returned to Millar to further his education in September of 1994 and graduated from the Fourth Year Internship Program with a Bachelor of Arts in Strategic Ministries in April of 1995.

Jim and Diedre returned to Sandpoint where Jim began working in construction and as a Roofing Materials Application Specialist (roofer) until he was asked to take over as the preaching elder of Kootenai Community Church in December of 1996. Now he counts it as his greatest privilege to be involved in ministering in the church that ministered to him for so many years. Jim has written several books (*God Doesn’t Whisper, Truth or Territory*, etc.); his newest book *God Doesn’t Try* was cowritten with Dave Rich. Jim and Diedre have four children: Taryn, Shepley, Ayden, and Liam.

Dave Rich was born in Libby, MT, and grew up in Southern Idaho. He attended college at the University of Idaho and graduate school at the University of Washington. Dave came to Christ as a freshman at University of Idaho in 1984. He married his wife, Diane, in 1986.

Dave began working with youth as a youth leader and Sunday school teacher in 1988 in Seattle’s Tabernacle Baptist Church and has been working with youth ever since. Dave helped start a youth group in Seattle and in Columbus, Ohio’s Bethesda Baptist Church. Dave moved to Sandpoint in 1999 with Diane and their three daughters: Megan, Jamie, and Kellie. They have attended Kootenai Community Church since 1999. Both Dave and Diane are active in Sunday school. Dave has been an elder since September, 2001. He recently published his first book, *God Doesn’t Try*, which he cowrote with Jim.



Jess Whetsel was born and raised in Northern California. He married his wife, Marcia, in 1965. They moved to Idaho along with their two children in 1977. Jess was saved in 1977 through the ministry of Southside Community Church, Cocolalla, ID.

Jess and Marcia were discipled one-on-one for three years using a Bible school curriculum. He then began teaching Sunday school and became involved in prison ministry, Bible studies, and discipleship. Jess was a cabinetmaker by trade, and when construction slowed down in 1983, he moved his family to Hayden Lake. He became a lay pastor in a local church there for ten years.

After their two children were married, they moved back to the Sandpoint area. They began attending Kootenai Community Church in 2000. Jess has been active in teaching adult Sunday school, Bible studies, and discipleship. Jess has been an elder since June of 2003.

Cornel Rasor was raised on a cattle ranch north of Sandpoint with his parents and four siblings. He graduated from Sandpoint High School in 1974. Cornel studied veterinary medicine at North Idaho College and the University of Idaho. He left college and married Kim Luckey in 1976. He worked in the lumber and logging industry until 1981 when he became the manager of the Army Surplus Store.

Cornel and Kim have three children and sixteen grandchildren. Cornel was saved in 1975 and has been involved in the teaching ministry for three decades. As a young Christian, he was discipled by Jess Whetsel and finds great joy in joining him in ministry at KCC where he is active in teaching and occasional preaching. Cornel has been an elder at KCC since 2014.

>>> Young Adult/Young Married Fellowship

YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

For information, contact
Olga Curiel at 909-996-5770
or Gerimiah Pennell at 208-920-3426.



YOUNG MARRIED FELLOWSHIP

Contact Gina Hall
for more information.
713-292-6562

Women's Ministry <<<

KCC 2024 LADIES' RETREAT

God's Gifts to Grow On



Tina Carns, speaker

Cost: \$85

- All registrations due by April 14.
- All women 18 and older welcome.
- No overnight accommodations for babies.

April 26-27

At Lutherhaven on Lake Coeur d'Alene

Details and registration information now available in the foyer and on the church website.

MEAL MINISTRY



Our church is a body, and we help one another as needs arise. One practical way we do this is through the Meal Ministry. Andrea Kinne and Kaitie Forsyth organize meals to be delivered to those in need. Sign-up is available at the Welcome Table.

Church Prayer Chain

If you would like to be added to the email list and receive prayer requests from our church body, please email Maryanne Britten at marianabritten@hotmail.com or Aaron Kin at kinfamily@icloud.com.



*Bridal shower for
Amelia Black coming
May 18 at 10:00 a.m.*

>>>Cocolalla Lake Bible Camp

Please visit the camp website at clbcamp.org for more details.

Teens' Spring Retreat April 14-15, 2023

Each spring we love to welcome teens from the area to come and be challenged in their walk with Christ. Our Spring Retreat for Teens is specifically designed to encourage, challenge, and disciple teens.

Whether you are firmly grounded in your faith or simply wondering what it means to follow Christ, you will enjoy coming to this retreat.

Contact the camp for more details @ (208) 263-3912



Spring Backpacking Trip April 27-30, 2023

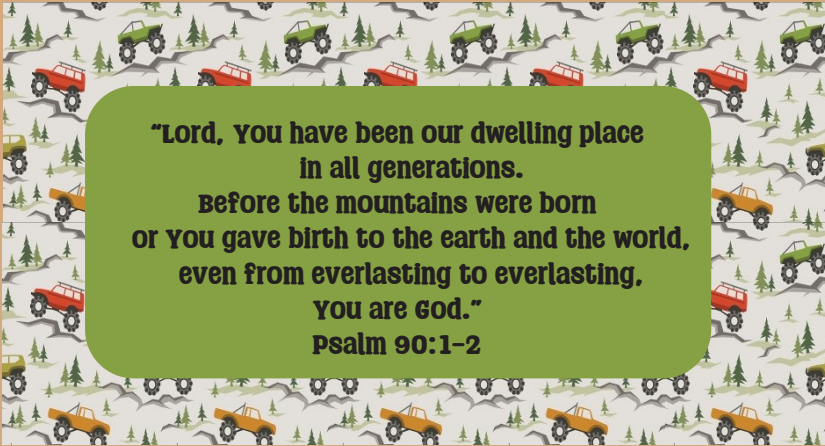
Our spring trips are great for people of all skill levels able to hike six miles per day in relatively mild terrain.

Where: Kirkwood Ranch in Itell's Canyon.

Cost: \$220.00



Student Ministries <<<



APRIL
 3 Bible Studies, 7:30-9 p.m.
 10 Youth Group, 7-9 p.m.
 17 Bible Studies, 7:30-9 p.m.
 24 Youth Group, 7-9 p.m.



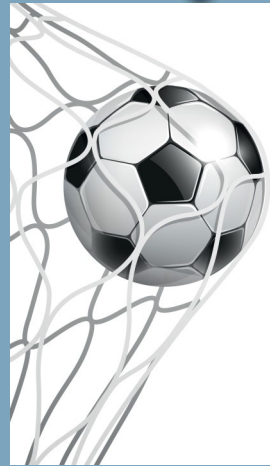
>>>Kootenai Thunder

kootenaithunder.com

For the most current information, please check our website and Facebook page.

WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW?

We have had a great turnout for Junior Basketball this year. The season is nearing the end, but you can catch their home games at the Cocolalla Lake Bible Camp.



SOCCKER

If you're interested in playing or coaching soccer next fall (mid-August-1st of November) please contact Tracy. The Thunder is planning to get our soccer program back up and running next season!!

Thanks!

Thank you for your continued support of Kootenai Thunder Sports. We appreciate the continued prayers as we work to minister to the players and families through sports.

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY: We are currently raising money for soccer goals and some basketball hoops for the side walls in the camp gym. These will really benefit the Thunder program but will also be helpful to the summer camps. If you would like to donate to either of those projects, please contact Tracy Jensen.



Kootenai Classifieds >>>

SHARPENING SERVICES

We sharpen knives, scissors, lawn mower blades, hatchets, axes, and garden tools. Reasonable rates. Call or text for an appointment. David Forsyth (208-610-1532)

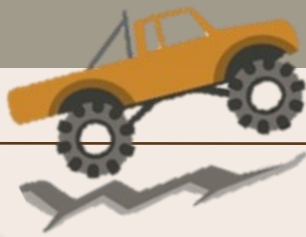


To have your items listed in this section, please send your information to Lisa Slippy by the 15th of the month prior to publication. Email her at lisaslippy@gmail.com.



CHICKEN
Non-GMO, pasture-raised chickens for sale.

3-5 lbs. each, \$4.25 per lb.
Call/text Andrea Lundgren.
360-900-9121



>>>Adventure Club News

Questions? Call Lori Thomson (208-610-1916) or Emily Brambila (208-304-6881), or email ac@kootenaichurch.org

April

5 Sports Night & Pin Night

Lesson: All Sinners Will Be Judged

12 Final Club Night & Ice Cream Party

Lesson: Heaven and Hell

Adventure Club News:

We are finishing up Year 4 of Adventure Club at KCC! Please pray that the Lord will richly bless the work before us for the good of each soul in the building on Friday nights and for the glory of Christ.



Final Club Night Friday, April 12

Ice cream sandwiches and goodie bags for all Clubbers and LITs in attendance!

Leaders and LITs, please prepare to turn in your leader/teacher books.

Church News<<<



New groups forming NOW!
Runs May–August.

Email Angie at angiepcates@gmail.com, or go to kootenaichurch.org/fellowship, or sign up at the Welcome Table.

Welcome New KCC Members

The following people were welcomed as members at the Annual Business Meeting in February.

Chris Cool
Marshall Cool
Chris Klein
Michal Klein
Leslie Lopez
Mike Lopez
Molly Osman
Alysa Pawley
Kevin Pawley

Hannah Pranaitis
James Pranaitis
Cheryl Rink
Jessica Rocke
Jordan Rocke
Diana Smith
Jade Smith
Wendy Tico



Are you passionate about making a difference and supporting individuals during a critical time? Life Choices Pregnancy Center and their medical clinic, 7B Care Clinic, is looking for

Client Coaches and Male Mentors. A Coach and/or Mentor offers compassion, hope, help, and Christ-centered support for clients making a pregnancy decision or coping with the results of their choice. To learn more, contact Diane Stockton at 208-263-7621.

SPRING MEMBERSHIP CLASS
Saturday, April 13, 10:00 a.m.
At the church

Please sign up at the Welcome Table in the foyer.



caying before your very eyes. You live in a perishing temple, doomed for the grave. These bodies can't live forever. No medicine, no technology, and no development of transhumanism can fit these bodies for an eternal Kingdom. "Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable" (1 Cor. 15:50). "Flesh and blood" describes that which is perishable, worldly, mortal, natural, inglorious, and ignoble. These are the bodies in which we are born, but they are not fit for the eternal glory that God has in store for those who are His.

While our citizenship is currently in Heaven, these bodies can never dwell there in their present form. Your body is, and always has been, unfit for such a dwelling. You can't go to your home. You can't enter the place of your citizenship. You can't see your people, be at home, receive your inheritance, or enjoy your reward while shackled to this body of death.

Our current bodies are described as a "humble state." They need to shut down and rest for one-third of every day. A mere sixteen to twenty hours of activity wears us out. Sickness, disease, and death plague us constantly. Your cells are dying off even now as you read this. Your body is wearing out and breaking down. These bodies are dying while we live in them. From the moment of our conception, we fight against everything to stay alive. That is a battle we will all eventually lose.

I need a body that belongs to me but that is transformed for life in a paradise that never ends. I need a body that is fit to worship, work, serve, rejoice, rest, recreate, create, fellowship, eat, drink, play, and never die!

There will be a transformation. Our present bodies will be made new. They will be resurrected in an immortal, imperishable, and glorious form. Our new resurrection bodies will be like the body of the Lord Jesus Christ in His glorious resurrection. "We will all be changed" (1 Cor. 15:51). "Just as we have borne the image of the earthy, we will also bear the image of the heavenly" (1 Cor. 15:49).

We already get a glimpse of our future resurrection in Christ. He is the prototype, the "first fruit" of that coming resurrection. There were resurrections before Christ was raised, but they were all merely physical resurrections that revived perishable bodies. Lazarus died again.

Christ was different. He has been raised, and death no longer has dominion over Him (Rom. 6:9). His resurrection body is immortal, never to die again. His resurrection body is imperishable, not subject to aging, illness, or deterioration. His resurrection body is an eternal body fit to rule, reign, and dwell with His people forever. His resurrection body is the same body they put in the ground. Scars from the crucifixion are visible. He was recognizable. It is the same body that was crucified, but it has been raised in a glorious and different form.

Our passage says that our bodies will be "in conformity" with His. That is to say, we get the same kind of physical body. He is the "first fruits" and we are the "rest of the fruits" of that resurrection.

We will get these bodies raised in a glorious but different form. They will be able to eat and drink. They will be entirely without sinful desires, affections, thoughts, and motives. We will be unburdened by iniquity, unweakened by the curse, and fit for service, worship, and fellowship forever. We will enjoy the delights of an eternal creation without sin. That will be glorious!

The Power Behind Our Resurrection

How will this happen? Jesus Christ will raise *billions* from the grave. The bodies that have deteriorated and been destroyed and consumed will rise again. Though destroyed by fire, incinerated in explosions, and eaten by beasts, they will be raised. Abraham's corpse is no more. There is not a single cell of Abraham's body that remains to this day. How is it possible that Jesus Christ should resurrect what no longer exists?

It is as if Paul anticipates that very question: "By the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself" (Phil. 3:21).

This is an argument from the greater to the lesser. Christ has all power. He possesses all authority. He uses that authority to make all things serve His end. Nothing is renegade. Nothing is outside His power (Matt. 28:18; Heb. 1:3). The power that spoke the universe into existence out of nothing and makes it serve Yahweh's appointed ends is the same power that will raise all men from the grave. It doesn't take any more power to resurrect all of humanity than it does to speak the universe into existence. Since all things are under His dominion and He subjects all things to Himself, the final resurrection presents no obstacle to His goal.

Conclusion

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the surety of our eternal life and our own bodily resurrection. The same infinite power that raised Christ from the dead will bring to glory all those who have faith in Him. That same power will also resurrect all the wicked in eternal bodies fit for destruction and consign them to everlasting damnation.

Which resurrection will be yours on the final day? Sinner, have you come to acknowledge your sin and the weight of justice that is due to you if you were to die unforgiven? Have you been to the law and seen yourself in truth as a lawbreaker deserving of justice? Have you confessed that you deserve His wrath for your sin debt?

God is good and so He must and will punish rebels. But that same good God has provided a way whereby sinners may be forgiven. Jesus Christ came into this world and lived the life you were required to live but failed to live. He lived obediently on behalf of others. He died the death you deserve to die for your sin. On the third day, He rose from the dead. He has ascended to Heaven, where He sits at the Father's right hand. He is coming again to judge the living and the dead.

Through that one offering for sin, He paid the price for the iniquity of any and all who place their faith in Him. There is only one way of salvation, for there is only one Savior Who has done what is necessary

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to save sinners.

If you will turn from sin and call out to God for mercy, He will forgive and save you. This He will do not because you are good and deserve salvation but because Christ is good and has paid the price for sinners. The one who believes on Him will pass from death to life (John 5:24).

The resurrection of Christ is the guarantee of the salvation and judgment that is to come. Paul says in Acts 17:30–31, “Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent, because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead.”



Are you organizing an ATV ride? Do you want to plan a camping trip? Do you need help with yard work? Put it on the ...

KCC Activity Board on Facebook!

ATTENTION, PARENTS

Here at KCC, we love and welcome the entire family to our worship services, including babies and toddlers. We are committed to standing by parents in helping them train their little ones to sit quietly in the service. Whereas a little noise as you are trying to soothe a fussy or talkative child is OK, it does become a distraction and disservice to the rest of the congregation when the noise is prolonged. Our nursery has been set up to accommodate parents who don't want to miss out on the service while taking fussy children out for a time to calm them down. The service is broadcast through speakers, and the windows allow a view of the sanctuary. Parents are welcome to drop their children off with the nursery staff at any point in the service or stay with them. Also, please keep in mind that **children should not run in any part of the building at any time**. We want to be mindful of those who may not be steady on their feet and might fall if a child runs into them or startles them. Children are also not allowed on the stage. **Please monitor your children between and after the services.**